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1. [REDACTED] 25X1
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- A. Pilot, Fireman and Doctor boarded
- B. Outgoing pilot discharged
- C. Berth
- D. 8000 ton USSR tanker
- E. 8000 ton USSR tanker
- F. Searchlight
- G. Tugs
- H. USSR small cargo vessels
- I. Motor torpedo boats
- J. Fishing vessels
- K. Small-vessel repair yard
- L. Tourist Hotel
- M. Political meetings
- N. Newly constructed asphalt street
- O. USSR cargo vessel
- P. USSR vessel of new construction

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3. Approaches and Pilot Data [REDACTED]

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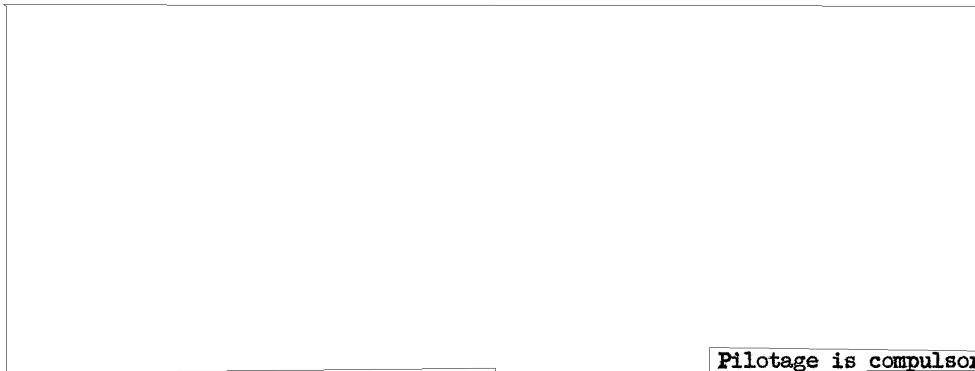
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Pilotage is compulsory

and is available both day and night.

Weather at subject port was clear and cool with temperatures ranging from 55°F to 45°F.

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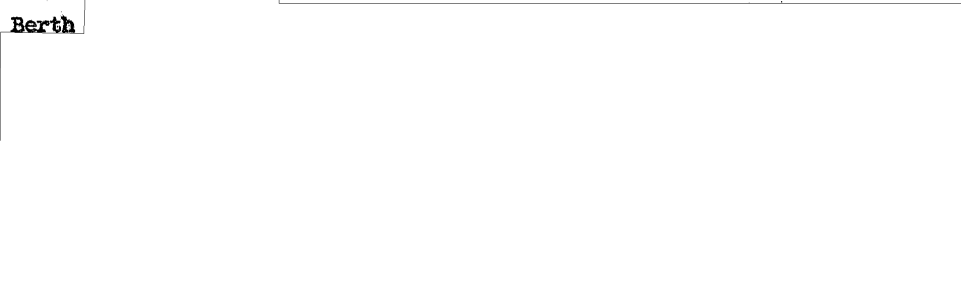
5. Harbor Soundings were not taken inside harbor and no changes were noted from chart. A small-vessel repair yard was observed at designator K, but no details were available. Three tugs were observed at position labeled designator G.

6. Controls

None of the control party carried firearms; however, one surveillance guard was stationed at the gangway armed with a sidearm. It is believed that his uniform was that of a soldier of the Army. No surveillance boats were observed at subject port.

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7. Berth



Source of water was not known but was believed to have come from a lake in the mountains. Quality was described as good. Bunkers, electricity, boiler water and steam were available at the berth but none were used. Sewerage was dumped in the bay while garbage was dumped at sea. A fire-hose was observed on the dock for fire protection.

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8. Construction a new hard-surface street had been constructed at position labeled designator N.

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10. Merchant Vessels Two USSR tankers were observed at the positions labeled designators D and E. approximately eight thousand tons each. Two or three small USSR cargo vessels were being worked in the area labeled designator H. Three or four motor torpedo boats were observed moored in area labeled designator T.

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Several fishing vessels were anchored in area labeled designator J. A two-thousand-ton USSR cargo vessel was observed at designator O awaiting berth. At designator P a USSR

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vessel of new construction was observed. Due to darkness, no details were obtainable but vessel appeared to be of 275 LOA. No gun mounts were seen.

11. Miscellaneous [redacted] only a few people in the subject port spoke anything but Russian, but appeared friendly. Many wished to buy articles of clothing, cigarettes, etc. [redacted]

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[redacted]
subject port are good but expensive. [redacted]
the port is 50 years behind the times. [redacted]

Food and drink in
"everything in [redacted]"

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[redacted] Two
or three jet aircraft, not further identified, were observed circling the area during the vessel's call.

/Comment [redacted]: It is noted that security regulations for subject port with respect to boarding and searching of foreign vessels have been somewhat relaxed.7

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